

REPORT OF MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE.

Held at Bethel, Oct. 3, 4, 5, 1895.

Opened by song and Devotional service by the chairman.

Address of Welcome by brother Walter Clark. Response by brother C. A. Price.

Motion moved and supported that the Conference extend to all of the Indiana brethren the courtesy of taking part in the deliberations.

In absence of the Vice Chairman brother J. D. Solomon was chosen Vice Chairman pro tem, after which chairman appointed a Committee on Committees which consists of brother John M. Fox, A. A. Rouke, W. O. Bowers.

Committee on Committees made the following report:

Committee on credentials, brethren Norman Brown, W. O. Bowers, A. R. Bemenderfer.

Committee on rules, brethren John M. Fox, Jesse Calvert, Samuel Rice.

Committee on Program, brethren A. O. Rouke, Henry Neel, Chas. Reynolds.

Committee on resolutions, brethren Walter Clark, J. D. Solomon, Sister P. Darby.

Chairman appointed Sisters P. Darby, Myra Rice, Rosa Camerer a committee on Queries.

Enrollment of delegates found following present: Almena, brother J. D. Solomon and Sister Rosa Camerer; Troy, brethren Chas. Reynolds and W. O. Bower; Bethel, brethren Norman Brown and Frank Wolf; Campbell, Sister P. Darby; Woodland, brother C. A. Price.

Query No. 1. Duty of the church to the pastor, by brother Jesse Calvert and brother A. B. Bemenderfer, followed by 5 minute speeches. Adjourned to 1:20 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by devotional service.

Query No. 2. Elders Duty to the Church. Opened by brother John M. Fox. Followed by brother Jesse Calvert, and discussed by others.

On motion it was decided for that we go home and all do our duty towards the pastor motion car.

Query No. 3. The Brethren Church and how she can enlarge her borders. Opened by brother John M. Fox, followed by others.

Subject having been thoroughly discussed it was resolved that we do all we can to help enlarge the borders of the church.

Query No. 4. Is the Brethren Church as it is to-day the Apostolic church. Led by brother W. D. Furry, followed by brother Walter Clark and brother Jesse Calvert. Resolved that it is the sense of

this Conference that the doctrine as taught and practiced by the Brethren church, is in accordance with the doctrine taught and practiced by the Apostolic church.

OCT. 4, 9:30 A. M.

Opened by song and devotional service by John M. Fox.

Query No. 5. Organization of a Benefit Society in the Church. Led by brother Walter Clark, followed by brethren Jesse Calvert and Pliny Erwin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Query No. 7. Advisability of having a Ministerial Association. Led by brother John M. Fox. Resolved that we adopt some plan looking towards the organization of a Ministerial Association for ministers performing pastoral duties in the State of Michigan in connection with our State Conference motion car. Chairman appointed as such committee, brethren W. D. Furry, Pliny Erwin and John Shank.

OCT. 5, 9:30 A. M.

Opened with devotional service by brother George Clenn. Home Mission Work. All expressed themselves as being fully in sympathy with the work.

Query No. 11. The Sunday-school as related to Christian Civilization. Discussed by members of Conference.

Query No. 12. The Bible in the School. Resolved that the Bible should be used in the Sunday-school.

Adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION. 1:30 P. M.

Opened by song and prayer service.

Query No. 13. From the Sunday-school in the Church.

Resolved that the Sunday-school is a great Auxiliary and benefit to the church. Officers elected for 1896.

Executive Committee: J. D. Solomon, S. E. Morris, John Shank.

Moderator. George Clum.

Vice Moderator, J. H. English.

Secretary, Norman Brown.

Query No. 14. From the Street into the Sunday-school. Led by brother H. Neel.

Query No. 15. Benefit of the King's Children Society to the Church. Motion made and supported that it was a benefit to the Church.

On motion it was decided that this Conference adopt the National Constitution of the King's Children Society and appoint a committee of three whose business it will be to see that a society be organized in each congregation of the Brethren church. The Board to be appointed by the Chairman.

Query No. 16. Benefit of S. S. C. E.

Resolved that the S. S. C. E. is a benefit to the church.

Moved that the Conference of the State of Michigan send a delegate to the National Conference next year. Carried.

On motion it was decided that in order to raise money to defray expenses of delegate to the National Conference that each delegate take the decision of this Conference home to their respective churches and to devise some plan to raise money to defray delegate's expenses.

Then Conference took a vote by ballot, for each delegate resulting in a tie between brother Walter Clark and brother Pliny Erwin. Brother Erwin withdrew his name in favor of brother Walter Clark. The Conference accepted the withdrawal and brother Walter Clark was duly elected as delegate to the National Conference for 1896.

On motion Conference adjourned for the year 1895.

NORMAN BROWN, Secretary.

FROM GARWIN, IOWA.

We have just closed a two weeks series of meetings at our church $3\frac{3}{4}$ miles south west of this place. The immediate results of the meeting, one accession and several others say they have been thinking they ought to join church, but they are still halting between two opinions. We feel to rejoice with our elder, brother W. C. Thomas, over the decision which his daughter has made, that she will live, henceforth for Christ. She was baptized by brother Fetter Hall, who is our pastor. Brother Hall says he has never, during the eighteen years of his ministry, baptized an applicant who was so submissive as was this dear sister. The meetings were conducted by sister Clara Flora, of Dallas Center, Iowa. Her presence was highly appreciated by all, both in and out of the church. Many of our G. B. brethren remarked that those sermons were the best they ever heard. Several of them were quite attentive during the meetings. We were very sorry indeed to let her go, but realizing that others need help as well as ourselves, we are resigned to our fate. Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather last evening, there was quite a little congregation of us assembled at the church hoping to hear one more sermon preached by Sister Flora, but the weather was so severe for her to come out, so our pastor, brother Fetter Hall, conducted a short meeting and we dispersed, somewhat disappointed. May the Lord bless the labors of Sister Flora, for the upbuilding of the Master's cause and kingdom here on earth, and may she receive a bright, starry crown in heaven at last as a reward for her earnest efforts for the salvation of souls is the prayer of Garwin congregation of the Brethren church. We held our communion on the evening of the 21st. It was well attended. Services conducted by brother Fetter Hall.

F. M. CHASE, Church Reporter.